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SUBJECT: REVISED STATEMENT ON SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM FOR LAGOS CONFERENCE

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1. IN LIGHT OF MOST RECENT EXCHANGES WITH SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND PRESIDENT'S AUGUST 23 PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT ON SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM, WE HAVE REVISED TEXT OF YOUR STATEMENT TO USE AT LAGOS CONFERENCE.

2. NEW TEXT READS AS FOLLOWS:

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BEGIN TEXT

PRESIDENT CARTER HAS MADE THE CURTAILING OF THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ONE OF HIS TOP FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES BECAUSE OF HIS DEEP CONVICTION OF ITS IMPORTANCE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITIES TO INCREASING NUMBERS

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OF COUNTRIES WOULD THREATEN REGIONAL STABILITY,
ENDANGER WORLD SECURITY AND DRAMATICALLY INCREASE THE

RISK OF A GLOBAL NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST.

WE HAVE ADOPTED NEW POLICIES IN THE FIELDS OF
NON-PROLIFERATION AND NUCLEAR EXPORTS DESIGNED
TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITIES
WHILE MEETING THE WORLD'S LEGITIMATE ENERGY NEEDS.
BUT WE CANNOT ACHIEVE THIS GOAL ALONE. ALL NATIONS,
REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL PERSUATION OR IDEOLOGY, MUST
REFRAIN FROM CONTRIBUTING TO OTHER NATIONS' EFFORTS TO
ACQUIRE A NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY. THIS IS A KEY
PROVISION OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY TO WHICH
102 NATIONS HAVE ADHERED. THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN
AND WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE, ALL STEPS IT CAN TOGETHER
WITH OTHERS OR INDEPENDENTLY TO URGE THE WIDEST
POSSIBLE ADHERENCE TO THIS TREATY.

IT IS OUR FIRM DETERMINATION TO PREVENT THE
SPREAD OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD,
AND WE WOULD VIEW WITH THE GRAVEST CONCERN THE
INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES INTO THE ALREADY
TENSE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE POSSIBILITIES THAT SOUTH AFRICA
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MIGHT BE PREPARING A SITE IN THE KALAHARI DESERT TO
TEST A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE, WE AND OTHER NATIONS SOUGHT
ASSURANCES FROM SOUTH AFRICA ABOUT ITS NUCLEAR
PROGRAM. SOUTH AFRICA HAS INFORMED US THAT:

-- THEY DO NOT HAVE AND DO NOT INTEND TO DEVELOP
NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES FOR ANY PURPOSE, EITHER
PEACEFUL OR AS A WEAPON.

-- THAT THE KALAHARI TEST SITE IN QUESTION IS NOT
DESIGNED TO TEST NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES.

-- THAT THERE WILL BE NO NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE TESTING OF
ANY KIND IN SOUTH AFRICA.

WHILE THIS COMMITMENT FROM SOUTH AFRICA IS
WELCOME, WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE
SITUATION THERE VERY CLOSELY. WE ARE ALSO RENEWING
OUR EFFORTS TO HAVE SOUTH AFRICA PLACE ALL NUCLEAR

FACILITIES UNDER INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS AND INSPECTION
AND, ALONG WITH OTHER NATIONS, TO SIGN THE NUCLEAR

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NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
BE REASSURED THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR EXPLOSIVES WILL
NOT BE INTRODUCED INTO THIS PART OF THE WORLD. END TEXT

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